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Kilkenny's Relic of Her Ancient Glory

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ST. CANICE'S CATHEDRAL, KILKENNY.—The famous old Cathedral of St. Canice, which, sentinelled by its round tower, stands on an eminence in Kilkenny's "Irishtown," dates from A. D. 1180, although antiquaries claim that the existing structure is built on the site of a church established in the very earliest days of Christianity in Ireland. It is a noble ecclesiastical pile, not much less in area than St. Patrick's or Christ Church cathedral in Dublin. It is, like most edifices of its kind in Ireland, of cruciform shape, two hundred and twenty-six feet from east to west, and the transepts, from north to south, measurs one hundred and twenty-three feet. Its founder was the learned and pious Bishop O'Dullany, who translated, in the latter part of the 12th century, the ancient Ossorian see from Aghaboe to Kilkenny. There are in the nave a central and two lateral aisles, which communicate by means of pointed arches. Windows of the same form illuminate the aisles, and those which light the upper portion of the nave, five in number, are of quadrefoil shape. Owing to the immensity of the original design, the cathedral remained for centuries in an unfinished state, and even now the tower is so stunted as to be almost rediculously disproportionate to the extent of the building. It is supported on groined arches, which spring from marble columns of massive formation. In the last century Bishop Pococke had the cathedral restored, and its simple grandeur is its chiefest charm.

Some Gaelic Athletic Reminiscences

Written for ALL IRELAND by JOHN PURCELL.

I have been so long a "has been" in the athletic world that I find it difficult to establish even a connection with remembrances of the past. I have been a resident of this beautiful city now nearly fourteen years; and the battle for the "almighty dollar" has been so engrossing that it has almost completely overshadowed the ideals and ambitions of "twenty golden years ago." Yet, I cannot but admit that there are moments when I recall with vivid satisfaction many instances of personal triumphs in the athletic field—triumphs which were rendered much more dear to me because of the enthusiasm and delight by which they were viewed by my relatives and intimate friends. You can imagine the pride and satisfaction which animated the homes of Tipperary when "Matt the Thrasher" defeated Captain Ffrench at throwing the sledge on the hurling field of Knocknagon, just "for the honor of the little village," as he said. The triumphs of our youthful days appear small and insignificant in comparison with the more successful ambitions of our maturer years; but the inconsistency of nature is such that in my opinion, there is no ambition however successful, can afford us such genuine pleasure and satisfaction as the first successes of irresponsible youth.

I think it was in the year 1882 that I was successful in passing a competitive examination for the civil service which transferred me from County Clare to the city of Dublin. The job was what a San Franciscan would call a "snap." Little work and short hours (10 a. m. to 4 p. m.) left me very much on my own hands, and to escape this ennui I joined the County Dublin Athletic Club, and very soon my thoughts and actions were agreeably occupied during my leisure hours. After our daily training at Ballsbridge my athletic friends and myself were generally content to rest for the remainder of the evening; except on on occasions when, to keep our spiritual nature in touch with the more material, we attended the lectures of one of the most charming of men, and prince of entertainers, the Rev. Father Bannon, of Gardiner St. Dublin, who was then the Spiritual Director of the Commercial Sodality, of which I was a member.

The condition of athletics in Ireland about the end of 1882 may be well worthy of a remark. There were few athletic competitions except in the larger towns; and such games as were held were almost exclusively in the hands of the "Shoneens." The young men of the countryside who wore the "bawneens," if you remember the word, were much too able athletically, but not all "tony" enough, for their "swifter" brethren of city life; and consequently were not desirable competitors for the youths from the banks and insurance offices, who dressed in cricket pants and dude straw hats, did their annual stunt for the special delectations of their best girls, and the entertainment of the local forty. But the Gaelic athletic Association soon reformed all this. It brought the bone and sinew of Ireland into the field; and the specially privileged retired to the grandstand, and became bored spectators of events at which they usually were the heroes.

In entering the athletic arena in the year 1882 I believe I was particularly fortunate. In that year was started by Michael Cusack (a Clare man) the Metropolitan Hurling Club; and this man with his large heart and "*difficult* head," and this organization may justly claim the parentage of the great Gaelic Athletic Association, which has gone on increasing in size and usefulness since that time, and which, I believe, had no small influence in preparing the way for the present Celtic Revival for the preservation of the distinct characteristics of the Irish race in language, music, literature, etc. When the Gaelic Athletic Association sprang into life the principal events on an ordinary athletic programme were largely of English extraction; and such contests as were included under the terms of "weight throwing and jumping," at which the Irish excelled all comers, were practically unknown. The first time a hop-step-and-jump appeared on any programme in Ireland was at the Scottish Thistle Club games held in Lansdowne Road in 1883, and was then inserted only on the special request of Michael Cusack, who guaranteed a dozen entries for the competition. The record for this peculiarly Irish exercise was at this time held by Dr. J. C. Daly of Borrisokane, and was made at the Mardyke grounds, Cork, the distance being 45 feet 4 inches. Twelve athletes, including representatives of Trinity College, Blackrock College, and the Queen's College of Cork, Galway and Belfast tried conclusions; but the final victory fell to myself, as in my first effort in public, I eclipsed Dr. Daly's record, raising the figures to 46 feet 7½ inches. It is a shame to admit it, but truth compels me to state, that this success gave me the "swelled head." I had a very large-sized opinion of myself for several days afterward; but even in this reprehensible feeling there is an element of success. It inspires confidence and self-reliance; and my experience of life in different walks convinces me that the self-assured, confident man is invariably the victor in all trials and contests where ability is about evenly balanced. My initial success induced me to enter many contests during this year, and at its close I was very well pleased when I won the championship medals for the broad jump and hop-step-and-jump. These championships I retained down to the year 1888, when I left Dublin for San Francisco.

During these years I met almost every athlete of note that appeared either in the British Isles or America, fighters and professional athletes excepted. To write anything like a fair synopsis of the doings and peculiarities of these men would require a fair-sized volume; but a few remarks on the more prominent, whose names are indelibly stamped on athletic annals, ought to be in order. In Ireland, first in the roll of honor and fame stand out in bold relief, the gallant representatives of County Tipperary, the Davin Brothers, Maurice and Patt—Maurice for a quarter of a century the holder of all records at hammer throwing, and Patt the greatest exponent of long and high jumping ever seen in Ireland, as well as a great all round athlete. It is true the records of these remarkable men are now beaten, but "when can their glory fade?" The names of the Davin Brothers are names to conjure with in every place where Irishmen gather to contest or witness the games they love. Maurice Davin, as president of the Gælic Athletic Association, is one of the most respected men in Ireland, while Patt enjoys a large Solicitors practice in his native town, Carrick-on-Suir. T. F. Kiely, an all round athlete of great ability, also belongs to old Tipperary, as does Fred Palmer, Captain of the Kickhams, of Dublin and the Emmets, of San Francisco, and probably the most eminent exponent of the old games of hurling and football developed by the Gælic Athletic Association. County Limerick has J. S. Mitchell, the famous wielder of the hammer and 56 lbs weight; and Dan Shanahan, the present holder of the hop-step-and-jump record at 50 feet one-half inch. Dublin had its mighty athletes too; E. J. Walsh, the 120 yard hurdle champion; the Christian Brothers, sprint runners, and Frank Nunns, the four mile champion. T. P. Conneff of County Kildare won medals and fame on two continents, and held numerous records for all distances between one and four miles. County Cork

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Crowning Success of Irish Fair.

Great Demonstration by Labor Organizations and Other Societies. Fifteen Thousand Persons Participate in the Grand Celebration.

The crowning success of the great Irish Fair was participated in last night by one of the most numerous assemblages ever gathered together in the Mechanics' Pavilion. It is safe to say that in the history of San Francisco nothing like the demonstration of last night was ever before witnessed in this city. Certainly no charity fete, no fair or fancy bazaar ever approached the Irish Fair in its marvelous glory on Labor Night. The occasion is a memorable one in San Francisco; its like may not be witnessed again.

The scene was one that made Irishmen feel proud of themselves, their race, their country, and proud of the President of the Fair—the Rev. Peter C. Yorke, who stood out in the midst of the demonstration a central towering figure with thousands of union workingmen cheering and thousands of ladies waving handkerchiefs in his honor. To come down to cold facts—the tickets taken at the pavilion doors, and the passes counted, showed that 13,000 persons had passed into the pavilion, and besides there were crowds of attendants, assistants and others who did not enter the door-keepers' calculations.

Outside the pavilion the street was packed with people waiting to enter, or to watch with wonder the crowds coming to the Irish Fair. Numerous policemen were kept busy maintaining order, for societies and the labor parade were arriving. The first visitors were the Spanish War veterans. The Knights of the Red Branch came in a body with their flags and badges, and finally the labor union men, who managed with much difficulty to enter the already thronged building.

San Francisco turned out in force last night to witness the parade of the labor unions to the Pavilion, and what a parade it was! Thousands of sturdy wage earners marched to the enlivening strains of the "Wearing of the Green," "Garryowen," and other popular Irish melodies. Market street was a mass of people. From Fifth and Market, up to the Pavilion doors, the parade passed between two lines of on-lookers who cheered and applauded and passed favorable comments upon the splendid showing made by the Unions.

Michael Casey acted as Grand Marshal and was ably assisted by M. W. Coffey and Harry Knox. Four bands and two drum corps furnished the music.

Mayor Schmitz and his wife occupied an open carriage drawn by four beautiful black horses. Following came the officers of the San Francisco Labor Council, also in carriages.

The recently organized Carmen's Union was given the position of honor in line.

Five hundred members turned out and made a splendid showing.

Joseph Gallagher and Henry Coyle marshaled this division. President Cornelius and Secretary Jane led the Carmen.

The Brotherhood of Teamsters also paraded with full ranks. The Teamsters carried their beautiful $450 banner and were repeatedly cheered.

The Hackmen's Union with J. O'Kane acting Marshal, made a very fine showing. To the Hackmen belongs the credit of starting the project of the parade, a fact of which they are justly proud.

The formation of the parade as it proceded to the Pavilion was as follows:

First Division.—Michael Casey, grand marshal; Harry Knox, chief aid.

Assistants.—John McLaughlin, Joseph Gallagher, P. H. Coyle, M. W. Coffey, T. F. Finn, D. T. Powers.

Order in Line of Unions.—Street Railway Employees, R. Cornelius, marshal; Barbers, J. J. Calish, marshal; Laborers' Protective Association, T. Regan, marshal; Carpenters, T. Zant, marshal; Steam Laundry Workers, H. Clunie, marshal; Wool Sorters and Graders, H. Marks, marshal.

Second Division.—Order in Line of Unions.—Teamsters, Gus. Harders, marshal; Hackmen, J. O'Kane, marshal; Laundry Wagon Drivers, P. Tamony, marshal; Beer Drivers, R. Speck, marshal; Milk Drivers, W. E. Little, marshal; Retail Delivery Drivers, Geo. Shepston, marshal; Pile Drivers, J. P. B. Jones, marshal; Stablemen, C. P. Monroe, marshal; Allied Printers Trades, C. M. Jones, marshal; Bookbinders, W. A. Kessler, marshal; Varnishers and Polishers, J. Tuite, marshal; Porters and Packers, Geo. Duffy, marshal; Shoe Workers No. 216, Geo. Gallagher, marshal; Bakers, Geo.Stein, marshal; Shoe Workers No. 279, John Grace, marshal; Beer Bottlers, G. Gantert, marshal; Cooks and Waiters, J. H. Beckhusen, marshal; Assistant Undertakers, H. Beresford, marshal; Stationary Engineers, A. H. Ewell, marshal; Coal Teamsters, Jas Blake, marshal; Box Makers and Sawyers, Wm. Mindham; Shoe Clerks, J. K. Jones; Retail Clerks, J. A. Johnson.

Tumultuous applause greeted the Unionists as they entered the Pavilion. As the various Unions wended their way through the immense crowds they were cheered to the echo—"Labor night" was on.

The festival was turned by force of events into a wonderful demonstration. Queen Rita was on her throne in the center of the throng and surrounded by her maids of honor, pages and courtiers, presenting a brilliant spectacle. Behind her throne was the Fair band. The floor was densely crowded and thousands filled the tribunes rising from the gallery balustrades to the walls. And when the union parade forced its way through the throngs with blare of brass and cheering, the Irish Fair on Union Night was at its best, and as such it will long be remembered.

Grand Marshal Michael Casey in introducing Mayor Schmitz said: "I take great pleasure in presenting to you a man who though now occupying high station is prouder still of the fact that he is workingman, a union man, and whose greatest pleasure is in associating with workingmen.

The Mayor was greeted with prolonged cheers. He said:

"Fellow Wageworkers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"This is the first great mass-meeting of organized labor, which I have had the privilege of addressing since by your votes and your active and enthusiastic support I became your Mayor and the Mayor of all the people of this fair city.

"I have met many of you in your individual unions since, and have taken occasion to express to you my thanks and now before this larger aggregation of my fellow wage-earners embrace the opportunity of declaring to you again my sincere appreciation of your loyal devotion before my election, and of your warm and earnest encouragement and confidence since.

"Remember that I am now, as I was before I became Mayor, the friend of every honest and conservative workingman, open to his every reasonable suggestion, and that I will continue to be, as far as lies in my power, the exponent of the ability and of the moderation and conservatism of the masses of our common people.

"This great outpouring of the ranks of labor is the opportunity and occasion of a double tribute, a tribute of interest and of grateful regard on the part of all of us toward the friend, who has stood by the cause of labor at all times and on every occasion, the distinguished President of this Fair, and on my part a tribute to you, my friends before and my friends now.

"I am glad to see you here in such force. I am proud of this demonstration, proud of your manhood in manifesting your appreciation of our honored friend, and in reciprocating even in this small degree the friendship which he has ever shown us, and our cause.

"On behalf of the organization of this delightful Fair, in the interest of its charitable purposes, for the good which its success will accomplish, I welcome you to this reproduction of all Ireland, to her historic palaces, and her romantic landmarks.

"I welcome you as friends and as comrades, as fellow-workers and as fellow-men.

"My friends, all Ireland is now yours."

Father Yorke was called for and was brought from among the audience by Marshal Casey. His appearance was greeted with cheers. These were renewed when Mayor Schmitz presented him to the audience.

The reverend gentleman gave the wageworkers a hundred thousand welcomes which he explained was the real old Irish welcome.

During the speechmaking the unions were still coming into the Pavilion headed by brass bands, and Father Yorke finally told his hearers that he had talked to many crowds, but could not talk against a brass band.

The Olympic Club, under the management of Mr. Geo. James presented an enjoyable program.

Prof. L. J. Trouchet, the "Knight of the Sword" gave a very skillful exhibition at fencing. He was opposed in combat by M. S. Meigs, a very able fencer who made many attempts to best the professor and won much applause from the audience. Otto Ritter is a fancy club swinger of great merit. His performance with the clubs was exceedingly clever. R. L. Stone's barrel jumping and acrobatic feats was received with much applause. Messrs. C. D. Pentony, J. A. Gindorff, R. Cornell and E. J. Phillips are a quartette of wrestlers that could hardly be bested. Their tossing of one another into the air and over their heads kept the audience spell-bound. They finished amid thundering applause. The manly art of self-defense was cleverly demonstrated by Messrs. W. J. Leonard vs. J. McCarthy (Lightweights) and Sam Berger vs. C. A. Bayly (Heavyweights). They were arrayed in fancy colored tights and their clever leading, ducking and blocking shows that the men who represented this Club are of a high order. Prof. Van Court acted as referee for the boxing bouts and Prof. Bayly presided at the wrestling.

Not least of the attractions in Mr. Doyle's booth are a number of pikes that pierced many a Sassanach in '98. Fathers Rogers, of Tomales, donator of the pikes, is expected to deliver a lecture on them before the Fair closes. The guests were received by the

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TONIGHT'S CONCERT.

The concert by the Iroquois Band under direction of Robert Allen, will be as follows: March, "The Yankee Hustler," E. E. Schmitz; cornet solo, selected, performed by Miss Hazel Bone; Waltz, "In Rapture Sweet," Bonisseau; selection, ancient Irish airs, arranged by Schleppergell; March, "Right of Way," Haynes; Polonaise, "Voyage of Life," C. H. Collins; Overture, "Light Cavalry," Suppe; Galop, "Faugh a Ballagh," Sullivan.

IRELAND'S THRESHOLD.

It is impossible for the visitors to the rear gallery to resist a trip through old Ireland when they discover themselves upon its threshold. The crowds that surge in and out are loud in their expressions of pleasure upon beholding the cleverly laid out map of Ireland. Many people had a confused idea of a flat geographical map, but when confronted with the great topographical map, which shows the majestic mountains towering over the peaceful valleys, rivers, lakes and bays, their wonder and admiration are freely expressed. Here can be quickly located one's own county with its beloved soil to touch, and stand upon if so disposed.

A SUPERB ART COLLECTION.

The splendid collection of Art in the front gallery is indeed a revelation to those who enter. There are famous paintings by Irish artists and Irish paintings by famous artists. The collection has been highly complimented by some of the leading connoisseurs.

There is one pastoral scene which is really a gem. Its perspective, foliage, browsing cows and sky effect are emphasized by a soft midsummer haze which produces an exquisite effect.

HAPPY HOOLIGAN.

If you want a rare treat, stop in at the Irish Museum and hear the irrepressible Happy Hooligan speak upon his experiences en-route to San Francisco from New York. His wit, humor and dialect are inimitable when reciting his overland journey in a "side-door Pullman" (box-car). His popularity is shared by Mrs. Katzenjammer and her precocious kids, and a host of other freaks, curios, illusions, etc. For a jolly half hour of real fun, go to the Museum.

Kilkenny.

(By REV. JAMES MCDONALD.)

"Kilkenny is a fair town and shines where it stands" says the old song, and in truth it is the fairest town in all Ireland. If you stand on John's bridge or walk along the canal, or up the Bishop's Meadows in the springtime you will see the clearest water, the greenest grass and the sweetest scented wild flowers the eye of man ever looked upon. If you walk through the town proper, you will find quaint old crooked streets, quaint old gabled houses—you will see a city rich in history, with many a land mark of the days that are gone forever.

The old churches of Kilkenny are of much interest to the historian and sorchæoligist. Three of them, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. Canice's Cathedral are in the hands of Protestants—the very few Protestants that live in and around Kilkenny. It is one of the saddest of sights to see a handful of worshippers trailing out of St. Canice's on a Sunday. The long gray walls rise majestically. The Round Tower challenges the searcher into the past for evidence of its birth and use. It recalls pagan rites and Druidic mysteries and of that wondrous change which came with the preaching of Kieran and Canice. It could tell great tales of Catholic times, of stately ceremonial and vast concourses of famous men in the grand old temple at whose door its stands sentinel. But it looks sad and lonely now even though it still hears the Sunday chimes, for the faithful turn their faces from it to seek newer shrines where lives the faith of old.

The Franciscan abbey is a brewery. The Blackfriars still retain the Black abbey—a straggling comfortless old church, but attractive by the fact that it is one of the very few old Irish churches that remain in the possession of Catholics. There are Catholic churches in plenty and schools and convents all flourishing.

Kilkenny is by no means a thriving business town. In times past there were mills along the Nore and many a thriving industry. Now the wheels turn no more, and the young men lounge about the town till they are old enough to join the army. Idleness is the best recruiting Sergeant the English government ever had. The great trouble with the Kilkenny people is that they are too respectable to engage in business. Fancy a Kilkenny young lady of the "better class" i. e., the daughter of a prosperous shop-keeper, doing office work! The Kilkenny young man of the same class is sent to school to Castleknock or Clougowes and is quite a superior person when he leaves college. He is unfitted for business and is good only to squander the little fortune his father made. That sort of respectability leaves Kilkenny the dullest town in Ireland.

Now Kilkenny could easily be made a thriving place with its natural facilities for manufacture. It's marble quarries are famous, but they are not developed. The Sullivan's and the Smithwick's are two great people and they owe their greatness to the making of beer. Surely a town that can manufacture beer ought to be able to do something else.

The river Nore has not been written up very extensively and yet I don't know of any other river which presents so many really beautiful scenes. From the source of it to the mouth it is charming. Of course the scenery is not wild or grand, but it is wonderfully pretty. I always associate the Nore with Bendemeer Stream. Is it allowable to quote poetry? Well, here goes:

There's a bower of roses by Bendemeer's stream,
And the nightingale sings round it all the day long,
In the time of my childhood 'twas like a sweet dream
To sit in the roses and hear the bird's song.
That bower and its music I never forget,
But oft when alone, in the bloom of the year,
I think—is the nightingale singing there yet?
Are the roses still bright by the calm Bendemeer?

No, the roses soon withered that hung o'er the wave,
But some blossoms were gathered while freshly they shone,
And a dew was distilled from the flowers that gave
All the fragrance of summer when summer was gone.
Thus memory draws from delight, ere it dies,
An essence that breathes of it many a year;
Thus bright to my soul, as 'twas then to my eyes,
Is that bower on the banks of the calm Bendemeer.

Who has not heard of the famous Kilkenny cats? They were "stayers," were those cats, and no mistake, and Kilkenny men are naturally proud of the breed. If Father Yorke had only imported a few for this Fair, there would be an attraction indeed—and music! ! !

But most famous of all things in and about Kilkenny are its boys:

O, the boys of Kilkenny are wild roving blades,
And whenever they meet with the nice little maids
They'll kiss them, and coax them, and spend their money free—
And of all the towns in Ireland Kilkenny for me.

I have heard this beautiful poem severely criticised. "Their" in the phrase "spend their money free" is supposed to be objectionable. The "Boys of Kilkenny" it is said are too chivalrous to spend their sweetheart's money: "Their" plainly refers to "Boys" not to "maids" in the text. This is a purely Celtic construction and is found in all the branches of the great Arian language except those of Gothic stock. An Irish poet is always hampered when he sings in the tongue of the Sassanagh. Sorrow is ours that he should ever stoop to do so.

But the song is true—every word of it—and the salt has not lost its savor in exile. Mr. Tom Curtis and Dr. Griffin, "wild roving blades" of the Kilkenny Booth, are just as attentive to "the nice little maids" who visit there as were their fathers before them by the beautiful Nore—and this is one of the principal reasons why the Blarney Stone—But thereby hangs a tale.

As I quoted in the beginning of this paper, "Kilkenny is a fair town and shines where it stands." It is fair and O, so restful! There is no hurry or bustle, no wild race for wealth or eager wearing out of brain or brawn infighting shadows. Except for the little politics of the place, life flows on as quietly as creeps the river by the wild castle walls. And the poor folks are happy there after their own dear old Irish fashion. I wonder do the old women still gossip over the half-doors along Goose hill! O dear!

"Is the nightingale singing there yet?
Are the roses still bright by the calm
Bendemeer?"

Closing Exercises of St. Peters Academy.

The closing exercises of St. Peter's Academy take place this evening. The following program has been arranged to delight the audience:

1. "Savourneen Dheelish," Class
2. (a) "Brian Buroihme's March," (b) "Medley," Academy Orchestra.
3. "Sweet Shamrocks," Pupils of Third Grade.
4. "Oft in the Stilly Night," Vocal Trio.
5. "Erin's Flag," Pupils of the Fifth and Sixth Grades.
6. "Emmet's Last Words," Solo and Chorus.
7. "Old Ireland," Instrumental Quartette.
8. Tableau, Provinces and Counties of Ireland.
9. "Eibhlin a Ruin," Gaelic Quartette.
10. Tableau, Pupils of the Seventh and Eighth Grades.
11. Irish Jig,
12. "The Kerry Dance," Senior Pupils.
13. "Irish Quadrille," Pupils of the Fourth Grade.

Graduating honors will be conferred on Miss Agnes Fitzgerald.

Conferring of Diplomas on Miss Mary Keenan, Miss Isabel Doherty, Miss Camilla Keane, Miss Nellie McDonnell, Miss Alice Ryall, Miss Emily Foley.

The Shooting Gallery did a good business. Among the patrons were Fergus I. Browne and H. W. Burner.

The great Illusion Show is in full blast.

Miss Brown was greatly missed at the Monaghan Booth Monday evening.

Mr. Wm. Doyle is painstaking in promoting Wexford's interests at the Fair.

Sgeulta Ma h-Eonaighe

John O'Donnell had on a Tipperary badge.

Mrs. John E. Behan gladdened the "All Ireland" staff last night by announcing that Mr. Behan would occupy his chair in the office tomorrow.

Father O'Riordan of Berkeley pronounces Mrs. Martin an excellent hostess. The Rev. Father is a great admirer of the gastronomical beauties of the Fair.

Mrs. McGloin of the Mayo Booth is one of the most earnest workers in the Fair. The success of Mayo is in great part due to her devotion to its interests.

Mrs. Fennell is the official handicapper at the horse races at Ga way The large and handsome booth is nightly thronged and the ladies of Galway are happy.

So busy was Miss May Hughes last evening that she could only smile on her many friends. Miss Hughes was handsomely attired in white organdie with white picture hat.

Miss McArdle sold many chances. The lady wore dark mousslin de soie trimmed with grenadine de peu, Miss Ella Barrett was gowned in black lace over pink silk.

Miss Mary Stein gave some musical selections.

Mrs. Rosenberg is a famed cigar dealer.

Miss M. Callan looked to advantage in white silk.

Miss Effie Wren is interested in the Mayo Booth.

Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nugent visited Clare.

Miss A. Bradley who loves sweet Athy is a great friend of "All Ireland" as she sees that the subscriptions are still flowing in.

Miss Nora Slattery's cushion is quite an attraction at the Kildare Booth and tickets are going fast on it. Call soon and get one before they are all gone.

Miss Lillian Reardon and Miss May Coleman looked charming in white silk.

Judge Coffey has been a frequent visitor to the Fair lately.

Col. Thos. I. Barry, wife and daughters, Henry Mulvihill, J. J. Caniffe, visited the Fair last evening.

Rev. Fathers Keane, Harnett and Cantwell and Judge Graham visited "All Ireland."

Lost.—A book on a black Ebony military set. Kindly return to Miss Emily Murphy at the Kerry Booth.

Miss Della O'Farrell of the Longford Booth with her friend witnessed the coronation ceremonies from the gallery. Miss O'Farrell looked charming. She was dressed in light blue organdie.

The Knights of Tara will attend the Irish Fair Thursday evening, May 22.

Misses Margaret and Aileen McCarthy visited the Fair last evening and were dressed tastefully as usual.

Did Miss Fennessy and Miss Welsh enjoy their ride on the Rocky Road to Dublin?

Mrs. Mulvihill of the "All Ireland" staff was at her post again last evening. Her son has been very ill, but fortunately is on the road to recovery.

Visitors to "All Ireland" were Mr. Wm. McCarthy accompanied by Miss Inez Payne, Mr. R. Waters, Mr. Reed, Miss Bloss Welch and Miss Nonie Fennessy.

the Art Gallery sees the Irish Fair.

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The handsome though portly figure of Mrs. Fennell attracted much attention in the Galway Booth.

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Miss Jennie Payou has done much for the Galway Booth.

Mr. R. C. O'Connor himself is not more enthusiastic about his dear County Kerry than is Miss Jennie about Galway.

Mr. Eugene Sullivan of Cork is regaining the use of speech. Eugene was a good spieler for the Cork Booth until his voice gave out. Then the wagging of tongues created the impression that Eugene got the blues because the Blarney Stone received more attention than he from a certain young lady blonde of the rebel county.

Mr. Thomas Slevin's persuasive eloquence draws hundreds from the floor of the Pavilion to the Shooting Gallery nightly. Many of the lady visitors to the gallery have not yet learned that Mr. Slevin is a married man.

Father Pelzer was noticed ascending the stairs that lead to the Shooting Gallery. It was learned later that "My Lord Kitchener" had been mutilated beyond recognition.

Brother Ananias was an interested spectator.

A certain Mr. Hunter makes frequent calls at the Louth Booth. Miss Margaret Curtin is always on hand to receive the gentleman. "Call again" says Miss Margaret when Mr. Hunter bows himself out.

Miss Bloss Welch, and Miss Nonie Fennessy, two of St. Peter's charming belles, visited the Fair last evening, and were given a warm welcome by their many friends.

Mr. John C. Fitzpatrick visited the Fair Saturday night.

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had a host of first-class athletes, the best known of whom are the genial weight thrower, Dr. W. J. M. Barry, and the all round performer, T. M. Donovan. County Kerry had some notable performers, particularly J. P. O'Sullivan of Killorglin and J. E. Hussey of Tralee. County Waterford could boast of Owen Hart, the six and one-half foot policeman, and champion shot putter, besides Patrick O'Connor who, I believe is the present long jump champion. T. M. Malone of Miltown Malbay, County Clare, was perhaps the most versatile athlete of modern Ireland. He could go through a program of a dozen events, and it would be difficult to state which event was his specialty. There was an intense rivalry between himself and Patt Davin, and some very warm challenges were interchanged at one time between them. All Munster was ablaze with their partisans discussing their relative merits, but the question of supremacy was never decided. Malone emigrated to Australia, turned professional, and I am informed, made a fortune at sprint racing in the antipodes. Besides Malone, County Clare had also a champion athlete in P. J. Kelly, who represented Ireland in an International high jump contest at Tralee in 1886. W. Byrd-Page came over from Philadelphia to specially carry off the championship for the high jump, but Mr. Kelly successfully defended the title. The contest was, however, a tie, the height being six feet two and three-eighths inches. It is singular to relate that during these years no athletes of any note appeared in the North of Ireland. Messrs. Wallace and Minniece were fair half and mile runners. There were a few good Rugby football men, but no champions hailed from the North.

It was my intention to make no reference here to the athletes of foreign birth that I had the privilege of meeting, but the tragic circumstances attending the taking off of Malcolm W. Ford of New York, and the terrible crimes he committed in the murder of his brother and his own suicide, has induced me to change my intention for a moment. I met Malcolm W. Ford in Toronto, Canada, in September, 1885, and in New York City later in the same year. We had many competitions, but in all of them, save one, Mr. Ford was the successful candidate. He was an athlete after the style of Patt Davin and T. M. Malone, and had the same facility of going through a large program, taking each event as if he were an adept in that alone. But he differed from Davin and Malone in one particular, he made the pursuit of athletics his sole aim and business in life, and this is what got him into trouble with his family. Amateur athletics yields no revenue to the honorable, but Ford had to live, and his expenses were not small. In 1890 he became involved in a grave scandal. He was accused of professionalism in that he went to some games in Massachussetts, wearing false whiskers, and using an assumed name. He was tried by the Amateur Athletic Union; many witnesses appeared for

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I cannot close this paper without making a remark about a very flattering trait which distinguishes Irish athletes above those of any other nationality. I refer to their love for and devotion to athletics for their own sake.

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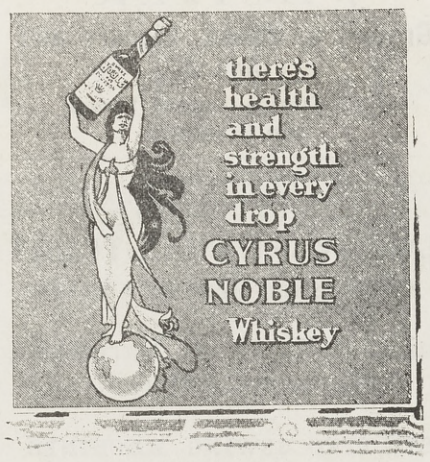

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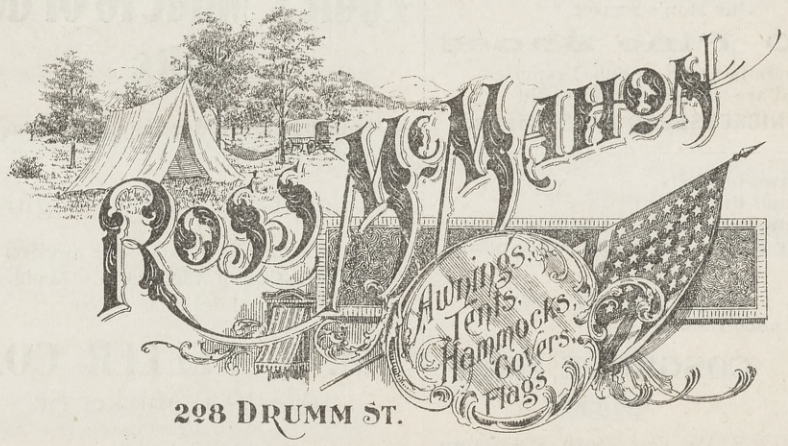
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